

SOUTH DAKOTA

The Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) is the primary form for requesting registration and/or an absentee ballot from your local election official. **Read all instructions printed below and on the FPCA before completing and signing your application.**

FEDERAL POST CARD APPLICATION

REGISTRATION AND ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUEST - FEDERAL POST CARD APPLICATION (FPCA)											
APPLICATION FOR STATE OF _____				COUNTY OF _____				CITY OR TOWNSHIP OF _____			
I REQUEST ABSENTEE BALLOTS FOR ALL ELECTIONS IN WHICH I AM ELIGIBLE TO VOTE.											
1. APPLICANT INFORMATION (See instruction 1.)						6. POLITICAL PARTY AFFILIATION (This information is required by most states to send you a ballot for primary elections. See Instructions.)					
a. TYPED OR PRINTED NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial)						b. SEX c. RACE					
d. DATE OF BIRTH						e. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER					
f. OTHER IDENTIFICATION NO. (passport, ID card)						7. REMARKS (Provide additional information which will assist local election officials in determining your eligibility to register and vote. See Instructions.)					
M M D D Y Y											
2. I LAST VOTED or PLACE OF LAST REGISTRATION (Do not leave this section blank. See instructions.)											
a. YEAR b. COUNTY, CITY, OR TOWNSHIP						c. STATE d. VOTER REGISTRATION NO. (if known)					
B											
3. VOTING RESIDENCE (For military, legal residence. For overseas civilians, last residence in U.S. IF USING RURAL ROUTE, SEE INSTRUCTIONS.)						a. LAST DATE OF RESIDENCY					
b. NUMBER AND STREET (Do not use Post Office Box)						M M D D Y Y					
c. CITY, TOWN OR VILLAGE						d. STATE					
C											
e. COUNTY OR PARISH						f. ZIP CODE (9 -digit, if known)					
4. MAIL ABSENTEE BALLOT TO: (Mailing address where you want the ballot to be sent.)											
D											
5. YOUR FAX NUMBER (If this application is faxed, include all international prefixes. See instructions.)											
The information contained herein is for official use only. Any unauthorized release of this information may be punishable by law.											
8. AFFIRMATION BY APPLICANT						9. WITNESS/NOTARY ADDRESS AND SIGNATURE					
X only one: a, b, c or d						DATE SIGNED					
I swear/affirm, under penalty of perjury, that I am: (See Instructions)						M M D D Y Y					
a. a member of the Uniformed Services or merchant marine on active duty, or an eligible spouse or dependent.						G					
b. a U.S. citizen temporarily residing outside the U.S.											
c. a U.S. citizen overseas by virtue of employment or accompanying spouse or dependent.											
d. other U.S. citizen residing outside the U.S.											
e. I am a U.S. citizen, eligible to vote in the above jurisdiction, and subscribed to any required state/local oath or statement.											
f. I have not been convicted of a felony or other disqualifying offense or been adjudicated mentally incompetent, or if so, my voting rights have been reinstated.											
g. I am not registering, requesting a ballot, or voting in any other jurisdiction in the U.S.											
h. The information on this form is true and complete.											
i. SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT											
X											

Application Instructions

Circled letters on the form above correspond to the instructions below. **You must complete all shaded areas.**

- A.** Provide your driver's license number (optional).
- B.** Do not leave blank. Enter "N/A" if not applicable or if you are a first time voter.
- C.** Provide the complete street address of your South Dakota voting residence. A post office box is not sufficient. If your address includes a rural route, describe its location in Item 7. For example: "on Highway _____, 2 miles past Highway _____, across the street from the _____ gas station." This address must be different from the one provided in Item 4 and must be within the county where you claim legal voting residence.
- D.** Print the complete address where you want your ballot sent — usually your current mailing address. It must be different from the address you provided in Item 3.

- E.** If you do not list a party affiliation, you cannot vote in primary elections. You must indicate your political party affiliation when applying for a primary ballot (Example: Democrat, Republican) or write "none" in Item 6 of the FPCA. Political party choice is not required if only requesting absentee ballots for general elections. If you are currently registered and want to change your political party affiliation or you have previously declined to indicate a political party and you now want to vote in a primary election, you must submit a completed FPCA which includes your new political party choice to the local county auditor.
- F.** Check ONE box.
- G.** The applicant must sign and date the FPCA for it to be processed by the local election official.

I. UNIFORMED SERVICES

A. Who Can Do It

These procedures apply to persons who are U.S. citizens, residents of South Dakota and members of the Uniformed Services and their family members. Uniformed Services are defined as the U.S. Armed Forces, merchant marine, commissioned corps of the Public Health Service and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

B. When To Do It

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If you are already registered and only wish to request an absentee ballot, send a completed FPCA to the local county auditor anytime before the election.

(2) Return your voted ballot to the local election official so that it arrives by the close of polls on election day.

Local election officials mail ballots within 48 hours after receiving your request, or as soon as ballots are available (six weeks before any primary or general election).

If you are outside the U.S. and have not received your state ballot in a timely manner, use the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot. See instruction in Chapter 2, page 12.

C. Oath/Witness Requirements

No registration or voting materials are sworn to or witnessed.

D. Electronic Transmission of FPCAs and Ballots

South Dakota does not allow electronic transmission of the FPCA, the blank absentee ballot or the voted absentee ballot.

Instructions continue in Section III: Uniformed Services & Civilians Outside U.S.

II. CIVILIANS OUTSIDE U.S.

A. Who Can Do It

These procedures apply to persons who are U.S. citizens, residents of South Dakota and overseas citizens. The term “overseas citizen” means a U.S. citizen who resides outside the U.S. and (but for such residence) would be qualified to vote in South Dakota.

- South Dakota residents temporarily residing outside the U.S. (for local, state and Federal office ballots)
- overseas citizens (for Federal office ballots only)

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III. UNIFORMED SERVICES & CIVILIANS OUTSIDE U.S.

A. Bars to Registration and Voting

Persons serving a sentence for a felony conviction and persons judged mentally incompetent may not register or vote.

B. Cancellation of Registration

Persons are removed from registration rolls for failure to vote at all in the last eight years and failure to respond to a confirmation notice.

C. Action on Registration Requests

Notification of completed registration is sent.

D. Action If Registration Is Denied

Persons denied registration may appeal to the circuit court. Consult a legal assistance officer or civilian counsel.

E. Where To Send It

Mail the FPCA to the County Auditor, county of voting residence, as listed below:

County	County Seat	Zip Code
Aurora	Plankinton	57368-0397
Beadle	Huron	57350-0845
Bennett	Martin	57551-0460
Bon Homme	Tyndall	57066-0605
Brookings	Brookings	57006-2086
Brown	Aberdeen	57401-4293
Brule	Chamberlain	57325-1599
Buffalo	Gann Valley	57341-0146
Butte	Belle Fourche	57717-1719
Campbell	Mound City	57646-0037
Charles Mix	Lake Andes	57356-0490
Clark	Clark	57225-0294
Clay	Vermillion	57069-0403
Codington	Watertown	57201-3611

County	County Seat	Zip Code
Corson	McIntosh	57641-0255
Custer	Custer	57730-1934
Davison	Mitchell	57301-2692
Day	Webster	57274-1359
Deuel	Clear Lake	57226-0116
Dewey	Timber Lake	57656-0277
Douglas	Armour	57313-0159
Edmunds	Ipswich	57451-0097
Fall River	Hot Springs	57747-1398
Faulk	Faulkton	57438-0309
Grant	Milbank	57252-2499
Gregory	Burke	57523-0413
Haakon	Philip	57567-0698
Hamlin	Hayti	57241-0237
Hand	Miller	57362-1346
Hanson	Alexandria	57311-0500
Harding	Buffalo	57720-0026
Hughes	Pierre	57501-2591
Hutchinson	Olivet	57052-0128
Hyde	Highmore	57345-0379
Jackson	Kadoka	57543-0280
Jerauld	Wessington Springs	57382-0422
Jones	Murdo	57559-0307
Kingsbury	Desmet	57231-0196
Lake	Madison	57042-2941
Lawrence	Deadwood	57732-0678
Lincoln	Canton	57013-1792
Lyman	Kennebec	57544-0038
Marshall	Britton	57430-0130
McCook	Salem	57058-0190
McPherson	Leola	57456-0448
Meade	Sturgis	57785-1452
Mellette	White River	57579-0403
Miner	Howard	57349-0086
Minnehaha	Sioux Falls	57102-0192
Moody	Flandreau	57028-0152
Pennington	Rapid City	57701-2879
Perkins	Bison	57620-0126
Potter	Gettysburg	57442-1521
Roberts	Sisseton	57262-1495
Sanborn	Woonsocket	57385-0007
Shannon (attached to Fall River County)		
Spink	Redfield	57469-1266
Stanley	Fort Pierre	57532-0595
Sully	Onida	57564-0265
Todd (attached to Tripp County)		
Tripp	Winnier	57580-1806
Turner	Parker	57053-0368
Union	Elk Point	57025-0519
Walworth	Selby	57472-0199
Yankton	Yankton	57078-0137
Ziebach	Dupree	57623-0068

“Freedom Is A Choice...Vote”

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